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The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 02-384: Application of Verizon for Authorization Under §271 of the Communications Act to Provide in-Region InterLATA Service to Washington, DC


Dear Chairman Powell:

The Greater Washington Board of Trade, this region's largest network of business and nonprofit leaders, represents 1,350 member firms and organizations that employ approximately 40 percent of the region's private sector workforce. On behalf of the Board of Trade, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to endorse Verizon Washington, DC Inc.'s application under the above Docket Number to offer long-distance service to District of Columbia customers.

The DC Public Service Commission's findings indicate that Verizon Washington, DC meets the FCC's requirements to offer long distance, and supports its application.

The Board of Trade has always favored fair and open business competition and a broad array of choices for consumers in all industries. We encourage the FCC to approve Verizon's application.

Very truly yours

  
Robert A. Peck

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